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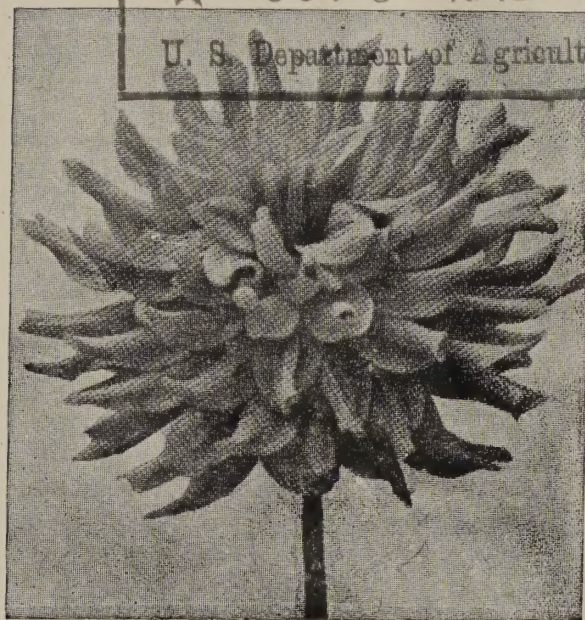
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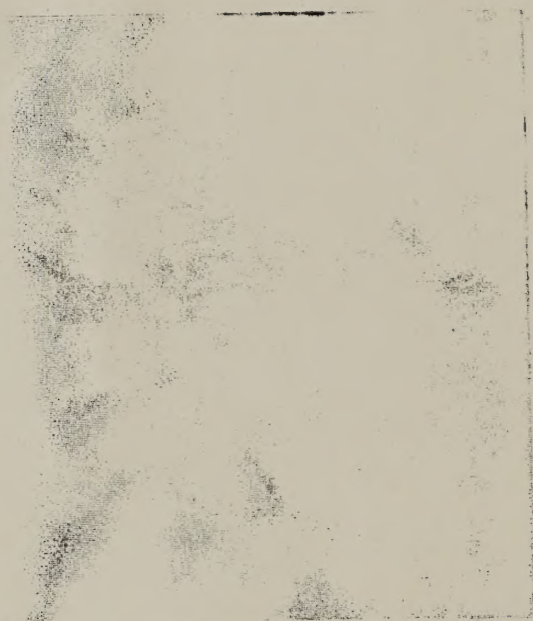
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MANY THANKS for all congratulatory letters, prize reports and kind statements. To prospective customers I might state that, to be successful, care must be taken in purchasing new varieties, and stocks should be purchased from none but reliable growers. Always remember, it pays to buy the best. As proof here I list a few of the championships awarded my Dahlias at the leading shows this season.

YARRA JUNCTION—Champion Decorative, Giant Hyb. Cactus, Medium Hyb. Cactus, and Miniature Cactus.

FOOTSCRAY—Blue Ribbon.

MURRUMBEENA—Blue Ribbon.

CROYDON—Champion Decorative.

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Decorative and Hyb. Cactus Dahlias

(D.)—Decorative.

(H.C.)—Hybrid or Semi-Cactus.

Tubers available September and October. Plants from the end of November.

All Goods subject to being available at time of proposed delivery.

ANDREA'S SELECTA (H.C.)—A lovely 5 to 6 inch pink, on long stiff stems. Plants only 2/-.

AXFORD TRIUMPH (D.)—Deep apricot, 10 to 12 inch. Its perfect type, stems and centre place it in championship class. Plants only 4/-.

AXFORD PRIDE (D.)—Lavender, edged deeper lavender; 9 to 10 inch. Plants 2/-.

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BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (H.C.)—Undoubtedly the finest white to date. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.

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BRENDA CORRY (D.)—Old golden bronze, 9 to 11 inch. Plants 2/-.

BILL'S GOLD (D.)—The most outstanding gold coloured informal, 9 to 11 inch blooms, with great depth. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/-.

BLACK MAGIC (H.C.)—Rich deep velvety crimson, with a lively glowing sheen. Blooms from 6 to 8 inch, have beautiful formation, and do not fade in the hot weather. One of the darkest and best. Plants 2/6; Tubers 3/6.

BERRIE (H.C.)—Orange, 5 to 6 inch, with great depth; florets are narrow and build up a bloom with perfect formation. Winner of best exhibit, 1941. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.

BRIAR ROSE (H.C.)—You will be adding a gem to your collection with this irresistible pink. It has perfect form, centres that hold until season's end; 4 to 5 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.

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CONSUL GENERAL QUIST (H.C.)—A magnificent dahlia of large size, 8 to 10 inch, and great depth. Colour is a delicate shell pink, shading lighter towards tips of florets. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.

CROYDON DELIGHT (D.)—Lemon, shaded pink at tips and reverse; 10 to 11 inch. Plants only 3/6.

CROYDON VIOLET (D.)—Naphthalene violet; one of the best in this colour; 9 to 11 inch, with great depth. Plants only 2/6.

DARCY SAINSBURY (D.)—Pure white. Size 9 in. Plants 1/6.

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DUKE OF WINDSOR (D.)—A magnificent dahlia of great size and refinement. Blooms can be grown to 11 inch. Colour, dark glowing red. Champion 1937-8-9-41-42. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.

DULCIE MAY (H.C.)—Peach pink on lemon yellow base. A variety possessing every good quality; 8 to 9 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/-.

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- DON'S SUNRISE (H.C.)—Yellow base overlaid rich rose pink. Our most spectacular Hyb. with blooms 9 to 10 inch, on extra long stems; centres remain closed all season. Plants 2/6; Tubers 5/-.
- DOMINANT (H.C.)—Lilac rose to yellow at centre; 8 to 9 inch blooms, with great refinement. Plants 2/-.
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- ENKART PRIMA (H.C.)—Beautiful rich salmon with golden yellow centre; blooms 9 to 10 inch. A magnificent dahlia, and one of the best in this type to date. Champion 1940-41-42. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/-.
- ELVA M. HASLAM (H.C.)—Cream flushed lemon. Blooms 6 to 7 inch. Have lovely refined formation. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- ELAINE BUTLER (D.)—Outstanding 9 inch formal, with extra long stems; colour is a beautiful rich peach. Championship winner. Plants only 2/6.
- FERNIE GOLD (H.C.)—Deep gold with amber shadings. 8 inch. Plants 2/-.
- FRANCES HENRY (D.)—Golden apricot, salmon shading. A large informal, 9 to 10 inch, with great depth; easy to grow and retains size and centre all season. An award of merit dahlia, and very outstanding. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- FREDA GEORGE (D.)—Soft cream overlaid helio. Blooms of very large size. Retain centre all season. Plants 2/-.
- FRAU O. BRACHT (H.C.)—Primrose yellow; very large, perfect blooms. Frau O. Bracht is a sure champion. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- FERNIE ELITE (H.C.)—A deep scarlet that does not fade; blooms 6 to 8 inch; one of the best. Plants 2/-.
- GUNYAH GLORY (H.C.)—Violet blooms, 9 to 10 inch, have great depth and extra long, stiff stems. A very tall grower; the best violet to date. Champion 1942. Plants 2/6; Tubers 3/6.
- GOLDEN AGE (H.C.)—Amber bronze. The best of its colour. 9 to 10 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
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- GOULBURN (H.C.)—Bronzy apricot; blooms grow easily to 10 inch; have great refinement, long stiff stems, and centres that hold all season. This variety should be grown naturally, not pinched out. Championship winner. Plants 4/-; Tubers 7/6.
- HEART OF GOLD (H.C.)—Flaming orange scarlet, brightly tipped gold. 8 to 9½ inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- ILLAWARRA (D.)—Gold shading to deep bronze at centre. Size up to 11 inches. An outstanding dahlia. Champion, 1940-41-42. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- IRENE (H.C.)—Yellow; a giant, 9 to 11 inch heavy type Hyb. Plants only 2/-.
- JUNE LORRANGE (H.C.)—Deep rose pink; a very large bloom, 9 inch and over, with good formation. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- JOAN BLACK (H.C.)—Light bronze shading to apricot, has perfect formation. Large size, 9½ inch; good depth and long, strong stems. Blooms retain size and centre until season's end. An outstanding exhibition variety and the best in this colour to date. Championship winner in Victoria and South Australia, 1940-41-42. Plants 2/6; Tubers 3/6.
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- JOSEPHINE CASPER (H.C.)—A 7 to 8 inch beautiful rich yellow, with perfect form and stems; an outstanding variety that stands up to all weather conditions. Plants 2/6.
- LADY GALWAY (D.)—A massive deep yellow of huge size; centre holds until season's end. Plants 3/.
- LADY MURIEL (D.)—Vieux rose, with copper sheen; 10 to 11 inch. Plants only 2/6.
- MADAM SULEET (H.C.)—Soft old rose and terra cotta, suffused begonia rose, 6 to 8 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/.
- MRS. LEN COX (H.C.)—Dark red, 8 to 9 inch. Plants only 2/6.
- MILLGROVE (H.C.) (Heavy Type)—Deep rose pink; probably the largest in this type to date, as blooms grow up to 12 inch, with good depth, and have long, strong stems. Very showy in the garden, and should win at those shows which have a largest bloom section. Champion, 1941. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
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- MADAM G. PEZANT (Cactus)—Probably the best stiff stemmed exhibition cactus to date. Blooms are perfectly formed, fully in-curved and of largest size. Colour is red. Plants 2/-; Tubers 4/-.
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- MARY ROBERTS (D.)—Clear yellow; size 9 inch, with good depth and high pointed centre. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/-.
- MAVIS TIERNEY (D.)—Crimson maroon; 10 to 12 inch, with 6 inch depth. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- MOYUA (H.C.)—A beautiful rich shade of pink blooms, have good formation, perfect centre and long, stiff stems. Size 9 to 10 inch. An outstanding Hyb. Champion 1941. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- MRS. DUNCAN GUY (D.)—Beautiful clear pink, shading to cream at base of florets; 9 to 10 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/-.
- MRS. C. J. SOWTON (D.)—Pinkish cinnamon. 10 to 12 inch. Plants 2/-.
- MAGNIFICENT (D.)—Apricot, with sunset tinge; 10 to 12 inch; one of the largest and best with extra long stems. Plants 3/6; Tubers 7/6.
- MAUREEN BIRCHELL (H.C.)—Deep salmon with cream at base; reverse of petals old rose; 6 to 8 inch; a good garden variety. Plants 2/-.
- MRS. CHAS. NELSON (D.)—Golden amber, 9 to 10 inch, with beautiful formation and great depth. A Blue Ribbon winner, and one of the most outstanding in this section. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- NAGEL'S BIJOU (H.C.)—Soft salmon orange; 5 to 6 inch. Plants 1/6.
- NIEW AMSTERDAM (H.C.)—Rose pink, with gold shadings; 9 inch blooms on rigid stems. A good stand-by. Plants only 2/-.
- PAUL PFITZER (H.C.)—Colour is a pleasing combination of primrose and shell pink; 8 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
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- POP HARRIS (D.)—The most outstanding red to date, and equal to any other decorative in cultivation. Colour is a brilliant rich vivid scarlet, and blooms which will keep for days when cut can easily be grown to 12 inches, with great depth and perfect refinement. Stems are 100 per cent., and centres remain closed all season. Type conforms to all Australian standards. Pop is the best of all Informal Giants, and should win over any other decorative. It was Blue Ribbon winner at Footscray, also at Murrumbena, 1942. Plants 5/-; Tubers 10/-.

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- RAMONA (H.C.)—Brilliant orange flame; 5 to 6 inch. Plants 1/6.
- RITA BETTY (D.)—Size up to 12 inch. Colour is a delightful fusion of henna and cinnamon, one of the finest decoratives in cultivation. Champion 1938-9-41-42. Plants 2/-.
- RUBY LOXTON (D.)—A pink dahlia of huge size. Plants 2/-.
- ROBERTS' CREAM (H.C.)—Light cream, with lemon flush. Blooms 6 to 7 inch, with good depth, long, stiff stems, and perfect centres until season's end; very outstanding. Winner of Best Medium, Royal, 1942. Plants 2/6; Tubers 4/-.
- RED TRIUMPH (H.C.)—Outstanding deep crimson Hyb. that does not fade; 8 inch blooms, have perfect formation and stems. Plants only 2/6.
- RUTH NICHOLAS (D.)—The best lavender for years. Its size, 10 to 11 inch, great depth, and perfect formation easily place it in championship class. Plants only 4/-.
- SCARLET WONDER (H.C.)—Brilliant scarlet, blooms to 7 inch, have perfect formation. Plants 2/-.
- STRALIA (H.C.)—White, lightly suffused lavender. It has perfect formation, large size, 8 inch; long, stiff stems, and retains centre until late season. Plants 2/6; Tubers 5/-.
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- VERONICA (H.C.)—A very free flowering 6 to 7 inch yellow. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- VAL ROSE (D.)—Deep, rich plum, shading lighter at tips of florets. Blooms from 9 to 11 inch, are carried on long, stiff stems. A formal dahlia of outstanding merit. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- VILLERS BRETONNEUX (D.)—Rich blood red, lightly suffused gold at tips of florets and at centre. 9 to 10 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- WILLIAM E. BUCKLEY (H.C.)—Easily the best of its color, and one of the finest of all Hyb. Cactus; colour is a rich salmon pink with lemon at base of petals; blooms up to 8 inch, have lovely formation, perfect stems and centres that remain closed all season. Plants 4/-; Tubers 7/6.
- WOSAL (D.)—Salmon and old rose, 10 to 11 inch, with good depth. Plants only 2/6.
- WHITE ACE (H.C.)—Blooms 9 to 10 inch, with long stiff stems. Although not so refined as "Ballego's Surprise," you may find it easier to grow than that variety. Plants only 3/-.
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- XANTINE (D.)—A huge deep formal yellow; 10 inch and over with a 6 inch depth. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
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(D.)—Decorative.

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